

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
KWAZULU-NATAL LOCAL DIVISION, DURBAN

In the matter between

CASE NO:  
D1671/2022

DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Applicant

and

- LWANDO MASETHI
- ONWABE MAGADLA
- SANDILE DLAMINI
- ZETHEMBE MSIZI
- MDUDUZI CHAMANE
- NOTHANDO NSUSHA
- SNETHEMBA SHOZI
- NHLAKANIPHO KUNENE
- NIKHO SIGA
- NJABULA DLAMINI
- KEABETSOE NXUMALO
- ZANELE MKHIZE
- NOKUZOLA CELE
- ZANDILE MKHIZE
- SIBUSISO GUMEDE
- NKULULEKO MZOBE
- SIBONUMENZI MDLALOSE
- LWAZI NTOMBELA
- STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
- ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS STUDENT
- COMMAND
- SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICES

- First Respondent
- Second Respondent
- Third Respondent
- Fourth Respondent
- Fifth Respondent
- Sixth Respondent
- Seventh Respondent
- Eighth Respondent
- Ninth Respondent
- Tenth Respondent
- Eleventh Respondent
- Twelfth Respondent
- Thirteenth Respondent
- Fourteenth Respondent
- Fifteenth Respondent
- Sixteenth Respondent
- Seventeenth Respondent
- Eighteenth Respondent
- Nineteenth Respondent
- Twentieth Respondent
- Twenty-First Respondent



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## NOTICE OF MOTION

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**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the applicant will make urgent application to the above Court on **17 February 2022 at 09h30**, or so soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for the following order:

1. This application is heard as one of urgency as contemplated by uniform rule 6(12) and the ordinary time periods and forms of service, prescribed in the Uniform Rules, are dispensed with.
  
2. A *rule nisi* do issue calling upon the respondents to show cause, if any, before this Court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, at 09h30, or so soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, why an order in the following terms should not be granted:
  - 2.1 the respondents, other than the 21st respondent, are interdicted and restrained from -
    - 2.1.1 being physically situated within 150 metres of any of the applicant's premises when marching, gathering, protesting or demonstrating, or otherwise grouping together for unlawful purposes, including in the case of organisations or political parties, convening any march, gathering or protest within 150 metres of any of the applicant's premises, save

that this order shall not prevent a peaceful meeting for lawful purposes with the written permission of the applicant;

- 2.1.2 interfering with, threatening, harassing, intimidating or in any way violently interacting with with, or interfering in any manner with the free movement, bodily integrity and psychological and mental wellbeing, and any other constitutional rights of the employees, representatives or students of the applicant when marching, gathering, protesting or demonstrating, or otherwise grouping for unlawful purposes, at or in the vicinity of the applicant's premises;
- 2.1.3 physically damaging or interfering with or in any way violently coming into contact with the applicant's property, equipment or assets at any of its premises;
- 2.1.4 interfering with access to, egress from and the free movement on the applicant's campuses of all members of the applicant's staff and students and all others who have lawful reason to move on to, off and upon the said campuses;
- 2.1.5 disrupting, obstructing or in any other manner interfering with the academic processes of the applicant, which shall

include but not be limited to lectures, tutorials, practical tests and use of the Applicant's library facilities and laboratories;

2.1.6 causing, directing, inciting or permitting any other persons, to conduct themselves as set out in paragraphs 2.1.1 – 2.1.5 above;

2.1.7 contravening, or causing, directing, inciting or encouraging any person, organisation or political party to, in any way, contravene the provisions of the Regulation of Gatherings Act, 1993;

2.2 The respondents other than the 21<sup>st</sup> respondent are directed to pay the costs of this application on the attorney and client scale only if they oppose the relief sought, jointly and severally, the one paying, the others to be absolved.

3. The orders in paragraphs 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.1.5, 2.1.6 and 2.1.7 above, shall operate as interim orders with immediate effect, pending the final determination of an action to be launched by the applicant against the respondents within one month from the date of a final order being granted in this application.

4. The 21<sup>st</sup> respondent is ordered to take all steps reasonably necessary, given its available resources, to give effect to this order.

**TAKE NOTICE FURTHER THAT:**

- (i) The affidavit of **DR CLEMENT MOREKU** annexed hereto will be used in support of the application.
  
- (ii) The applicant has appointed the address of its attorneys, set out below, at which it will accept service.

DATED at DURBAN this 16 day of February 2022.



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TO: **THE REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT**  
DURBAN

AND TO: **FIRST TO TWENTY FIRST RESPONDENTS**  
As per details set out in the founding affidavit

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**AFFIDAVIT**

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I, the undersigned,

**DR CLEMENT MOREKU**

do hereby make oath and say:-

1. I am an adult male Dean of Students at the Durban University of Technology (DUT).
2. I am duly authorised to institute this application in the name of the Applicant.
3. While I have direct personal knowledge of certain events contained herein, there are various matters recorded in this Affidavit which have been conveyed to me by management, staff and security of DUT. I verily believe the entire contents hereof to be true and correct. Due to the urgency of this matter it will not be possible for me to obtain Confirmatory Affidavits from the various persons concerned. I am told the court will ordinarily admit hearsay evidence in urgent applications and I ask it do so in the exercise of its discretion. In what follows, where possible I name the individuals who provided me with the information relayed herein either directly or indirectly with reference to annexures.
4. These papers have been prepared overnight as a matter of extreme urgency.

  
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## THE PARTIES

5. The Applicant is the Durban University of Technology, an institution of higher learning, duly established in terms of its Statute in accordance with the Higher Education Act and which conducts its main administrative affairs from Steve Biko Campus, Botanic Gardens Road, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. The Applicant has five Durban campuses:- The Steve Biko Campus in Botanic Gardens Road, Durban; The M.L. Sultan Campus situated at Centenary Road, Durban; The City Campus situated at Old Dutch Road, Durban; The Brickfield Road Campus; and The Ritson Road Campus.
6. The Respondents are cited below. Where possible, I provide their email address and cellular phone number. These papers will be 'served' via email and Whatsapp where possible. A service affidavit will be provided to the Court.
7. Lwando Masethi (1st Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is the president of the Students Representative Council ("SRC). He is a student at DUT (Student No. 21750769). His email address is srcpresident@dut.ac.za. His cellular phone number is 073 068 0331.
8. Onwabe Magadla (2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 22064300) a member of the SRC and the Deputy President of the SRC. His email address is srcdpresident@dut.ac.za. His cellular phone number is 067 646 9369.

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9. Sandile Dlamini (3rd Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 21946172) and member of the SRC. He is the General Secretary of the SRC. His email address is srcsecretary@dut.ac.za. His cellular phone number is 073 160 7794.
10. Zethembe Msizi (4th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 21830050) a member of the SRC and the Deputy Secretary General of the SRC. His email address is srcdsecretary@dut.ac.za. His cellular phone number is 076 410 8558.
11. Mduduzi Chamane (5th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 21708528) and a member of the SRC. He is the Treasurer General of the SRC. His email address is srctreasurer@dut.ac.za. His cell number is 063 479 1005.
12. Nothando Nsusha (6th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). She is a DUT student (Student No. 21927661) a member of the SRC and her SRC Portfolio is "PROJECTS (PMB)". Her email address is srcprojectspmb@dut.ac.za and her cellular number is 071 156 5314.
13. Snethemba Shozi (7th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). She is a DUT student (Student No. 21922981) a member of the SRC and her SRC Portfolio is "PROJECTS (DBN)". Her email address is srcprojectdbn@dut.ac.za and her cellular number is 067 941 6170.

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14. Nhlakanipho Kunene (8th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 21958413) a member of the SRC and his SRC Portfolio is "EDUCATION & TRANSFORMATION (PMB)". His email address is srcedutranspmb@dut.ac.za and his cellular number is 062 383 3802.
15. Nikho Siga (9th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 21919027) a member of the SRC and his SRC Portfolio is "EDUCATION & TRANSFORMATION (DBN)". His email address is srcedutransdbn@dut.ac.za and his cellular number is 063 138 2575.
16. Njabulo Dlamini (10th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 21511296) a member of the SRC and his SRC Portfolio is "ORGANISATION & ACCOMMODATION (PMB)". His email address is srcorganaccpmb.ac.za and his cellular number is 074 816 8344.
17. Keabetsoe Nxumalo (11th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 21841989) a member of the SRC and his SRC Portfolio is "ORGANISATION & ACCOMMODATION (DBN)". His email address is srcorganaccdbn.ac.za and his cellular number is 067 206 1967.

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18. Zanele Mkhize (12th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). She is a DUT student (Student No. 21923857) a member of the SRC and her SRC Portfolio is "SOCIAL WELFARE (PMB)". Her email address is [srcsocwelpmb@dut.ac.za](mailto:srcsocwelpmb@dut.ac.za) and her cellular number is 065 245 0934.
19. Nokuzola Cele (13th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). She is a DUT student (Student No. 21919235) a member of the SRC and her SRC Portfolio is "SOCIAL WELFARE (DBN)". Her email address is [srcsocweldbn@dut.ac.za](mailto:srcsocweldbn@dut.ac.za) and her cellular number is 067 733 5200.
20. Zandile Mkhize (14th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). She is a DUT student (Student No. 21923860) a member of the SRC and her SRC Portfolio is "SPORTS & RECREATION (PMB)". Her email address is [srcsportpmb@dut.ac.za](mailto:srcsportpmb@dut.ac.za) and her cellular number is 072 306 1885.
21. Sibusiso Gumede (15th Respondent and member of the 19th and 20th Respondents). He is a DUT student (Student No. 21553365) a member of the SRC and his SRC Portfolio is "SPORTS & RECREATIONAL (DNB)". His email address is [srcsportdbn@dut.ac.za](mailto:srcsportdbn@dut.ac.za) and his cellular number is 074 546 0547.
22. Nkululeko Mzobe (16<sup>th</sup> Respondent). He was last registered at DUT in June 2021. He is not a member of the SRC. He is the chairperson of the EFFSC. His email address is [21704491@dut4life.ac.za](mailto:21704491@dut4life.ac.za) which is his student number at DUT and then the standard email suffix. I cannot locate his cell number. His father's cell number is 078 525 8681.

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23. Sibonumenzi Mdlalose (17<sup>th</sup> Respondent). A DUT student (Student No. 21730288). His email is [21730288@dut4life.ac.za](mailto:21730288@dut4life.ac.za) and his cell numbers are 081 481 0645 / 076 069 3040.
24. Lwazi Ntombela (18<sup>th</sup> Respondent). His email is [21805408@dut4life.ac.za](mailto:21805408@dut4life.ac.za). I cannot locate his cell number. His mother's cell number on record is 078 598 5332.
25. Student Representative Council of DUT (19<sup>th</sup> Respondent). This is the duly elected SRC for DUT which has standing to sue and be sued in its own name. Its full name is Durban University of Technology Students' Representative Council.
26. Economic Freedom Fighters Student Command (20<sup>th</sup> Respondent). This is, as I understand it, a division or branch of the EFF (Economic Freedom Fighters), a duly constituted political party, with offices in Durban at 2nd Floor, Open House, Durban University of Technology.
27. South African Police Services (21<sup>st</sup> Respondent). The SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICES, is duly established under the South African Police Service Act, 1995 and is duly represented by: the National Commissioner : South African Police Services, in his/her capacity as defined in section 207(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the Provincial Police Commissioner : KwaZulu-Natal, in his/her capacity as such.

  
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## RELEVANT FACTS

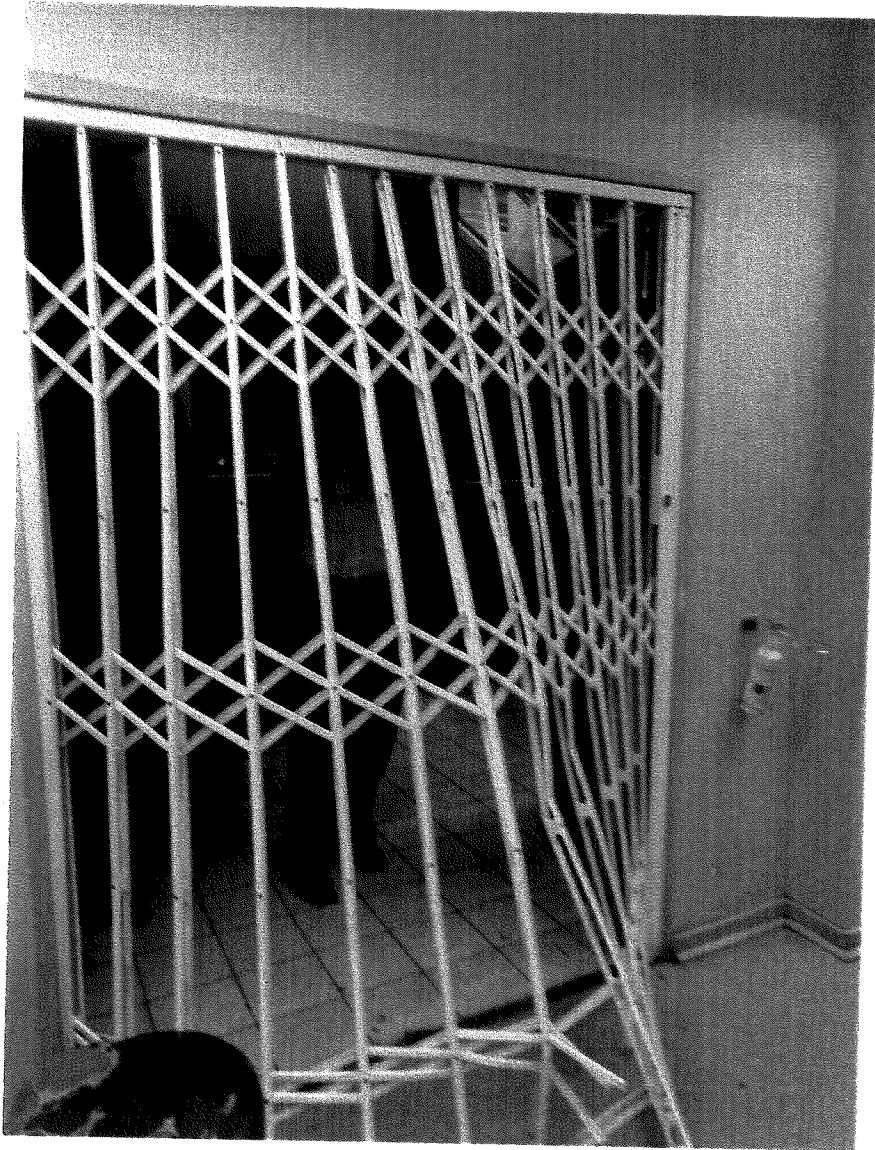
28. For years, violent protests have erupted at DUT during January and February registration. This arises, as I understand it, from alleged discontentment about fees, subsidies, academic exclusions and capped admissions (which preclude 'walk-in' registrations). Unfortunately, this year was no different.
29. This year, the trouble started on 24 January 2022. Nkululeko Mzobe (16<sup>th</sup> respondent), Sibonumenzi Mdlalose (17<sup>th</sup>) and Mr Lwazi Ntombela (18<sup>th</sup>) mobilized approximately 250 EFFSC students and along with them blocked Steve Biko Campus Gate 3. Mr Mzobe addressed the group and asked them to disrupt the registration process. The group including these three then forced entry into campus and proceeded to the student admission office where they damaged a security gate and threatened Dr Nombela and used vulgar language against her.
30. There were further developments on 27 January 2022. Mr Nkululeko Mzobe, Sibonumenzi Mdlalose and Mr Lwazi Ntombela mobilized EFFSC students addressed them in front of gate 3 Steve Biko Campus and incited them to attack a student registration point at the Sports Centre Sorts Centre in Steve Biko Campus. Under the leadership of Mr Mzobe they used open space on the construction site to access Steve Biko campus and stormed into the sports centre where registration point was allocated and vandalized the registration equipment and also intimidated the staff. The matter was registered with the police Berea CAS 235/ 01/2020 malicious Injury to Property. A report from Izikhova Security Services detailing this incident is annexed marked A. In

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addition to those mentioned above, it identifies the SRC President Mr Masethi (first respondent), SRC Treasurer Mr Chamane (fifth respondent). An incident report authored by John Pillay is annexed marked **B** and confirms the involvement of the first and fifth respondents. The involvement of the SRC President (first respondent) is also confirmed in an email from Mrs Nombela on 31 January 2022 11h28, a copy of which is annexed marked **C**. She details the destruction of property.

31. On 31 January 2022 approximately 300 EFFSC members gathered outside Steve Biko Campus Gate 3 and Mr Mzobe addressed them. Mr Nkululeko Mzobe, Sibonumenzi Mdlalose and Mr Lwazi Ntombela incited them to gain forced entry into Steve Biko Campus Gate and go to the Student Admission Office to demand student registration. They then broke the chain and padlock at the gates, assaulted security guards and assembled at the courtyard. They were then addressed by Mr Mzobe who assured them registration and student accommodation, they exited and continued with their gathering outside gate 3. Incident reported at Berea SAPS CAS 235/01/2022.
  
32. On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 EFFSC members gathered outside Steve Biko Campus Gate 3, addressed by Mr Nkululeko Mzobe regarding NSFAS student funding delays. There were then caucuses with smaller groups by Mr Nkululeko Mzobe, Sibonumenzi Mdlalose and Mr Lwazi Ntombela. After few minutes students broke up into groups along Steve Biko Road towards gate 2 and others went to ML Sultan Campus where Finance offices were attacked and doors damaged. They intimidated the staff and escorted them outside the ML Sultan campus.

33. On 02 February 2022, various students went on a rampage in the Finance: Debtors Office at M L Sultan campus. A photo of a broken gate is included below:



34. On 8 February 2022 at approximately 00:30 a number of young people wearing face masks and civilian clothes attacked City Campus with petrol bombs and tried to burn down the building but security guards managed to kill the fire. Incident reported at Durban Central CAS 420/02/2022. A series of photos are included below.

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A media report on that day about the incident is annexed marked D.

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35. On the same day, at about 21:45 at Steve Biko Campus opposite Maintenance Building a University vehicle was set alight. Incident reported at Berea SAPS. An incident report by John Pillay in respect of this vehicle is annexed marked E. The security report is annexed marked F.
36. On 9 February 2022 at about 01:10 at City Campus suspected students wearing EFFSC T-shirts stoned the building. 23 window panes were damaged. Incident reported at Durban Central SAPS CAS 421/02/2022. At about 03:45 along Steve Biko Road, seven shops and a security guard house at Steve Biko gate were damaged. Incident reported at Berea SAPS CAS 72/02/2022. At about 11:15 that day, EFFSC members attacked City Campus and damaged a staff vehicle. Incident reported at Durban Central SAPS CAS 491/02/2022.
37. On 10 February 2022 Mr Nkululeko Mzobe, Sibonumenzi Mdlalose and Mr Lwazi Ntombela mobilized EFFSC members and Mr Mzobe addressed them to continue fighting University Management by disrupting registration process. They then split into different groups and others went to ML Sultan Campus. At about 12:50 EFFSC forced entry at ML Sultan Campus, broke padlocks and attacked a security guard. One of the security guards was seriously injured. Incident reported at Berea SAPS CAS 107/02/2022.
38. On 11 February 2022, DUT distributed a circular about student registration (annexure G). On 13 February 2022, a fake circular was prepared and circulated (annexure H). The SRC and the EFFSC failed to notify students that the circular was fake. This appears to have caused a huge number of 'prospective students' to arrive the Steve Biko Campus ostensibly hoping to register. A media article

setting out *inter alia* DUT's response is annexed marked I.

39. On 14 February 2022 Mr Nkululeko Mzobe, Sibonumenzi Mdlalose and Mr Lwazi Ntombela mobilized approximately 400 EFFSC members. Mr Mzobe addressed the students and ordered them to force entry into Steve Biko Campus to locate and attack student registration venue from the S6 Computer Lab. At about 08:45 Mr Mzobe lead the group of approximately 300 students towards Steve Biko Campus gate 2 where they damaged the gate and forced entry. At gate 2 on Steve Biko Campus, protection services personnel were attacked by the group, they proceeded to S Block where they damaged door at basement, walked up to S6 Student Registration venue and broke a window and demanded keys from staff members. They also damaged computers and registration was stopped. At about 16:00 they moved to Winterton Student Resident where they broke the glass door and staged a sit-in.
40. The incidents have been reported in the media. An example is annexed marked J.
41. On 15 February 2022, a number of cars were damaged by rampaging students as widespread protests, violence, intimidation and destruction engulfed three campuses. Ultimately, DUT was forced to close three campuses, namely Steve Biko, M L Sultan and Ritson. Everyone on campus was evacuated. This is summarised in the media report annexed marked K.
42. This morning, 16 February 2022 at about 2:30am, a security guard house at the City Campus was petrol bombed by four unidentified young persons, wearing



face masks after they ordered the security guard to vacate the guard house.  
Incident reported at Berea SAPS CAS624/02/2022.

43. It appears plain that the SRC and the EFFSC are the main protagonists. The cited respondents who are not specifically identified above are members of both and DUT believes they are involved in the unlawful conduct. It is also most telling that there has been no condemnation of the unlawful conduct by any of the members of the SRC or the EFFSC despite them having ample opportunity to do so. By their silence, they appear complicit. Unfortunately, because of the nature of the violent protests it is simply not possible, or safe, to stand in the way of an ongoing mob in an effort to identify all involved. This task is made even more difficult due to the perpetrators usually wearing face masks.

#### RELIEF & URGENCY

44. There are two main issues. Firstly, ongoing violence, intimidation and destruction of property. Secondly, the ongoing disruption of the academic programme. It appears inevitable the academic programme will not commence on 21 February 2022 unless an interdict is granted. If the academic program is materially delayed there is a very real concern that there will not be sufficient time to complete the academic program which will have serious consequences for all students of DUT.
45. I respectfully submit that the implicated respondents have no right to behave unlawfully or intimidate or instigate any others to do so.

46. I submit that the Applicant has a clear right to protect its property and students from violent protest action and to ensure that its academic program is able to be pursued by registered students who wish to do so and that they be able to pursue the academic program safe and free from threats, intimidation and disruption. DUT is also entitled to an order that any protests are held in accordance with the Regulation of Gatherings Act.
47. In the order prayed, the Applicant has sought an order restricting the Respondents from various forms of conduct designed to disrupt the academic program. The experience of the Applicant with previous similar disruptions makes it likely that the Respondents will endeavour to disrupt the academic program in ways not covered by the interdict. For this reason, the Applicant seeks an order preventing the Respondents from demonstrating at any place closer than 150 metres from the perimeter of the Applicant's campuses. I am advised such an order has been granted in the past. If such a perimeter order is not granted, it is likely that the Respondents will endeavour to intimidate students and staff entering the campuses and in this way, disrupt the academic program.
48. I wish to stress that the Applicant has no desire to prevent students from exercising their democratic right to protest. However, given the violent and intimidating way in which students have chosen to exercise that right, they are negating the right of other students to continue with and complete their academic program for the 2022 academic year. Clearly, any right to protest ends where it becomes unlawful and interferes with the rights of other persons lawfully to exercise their right to be educated. This line has been crossed. In any event when one attends a tertiary institution such as DUT, the primary purpose is to

be educated. That is important because it means that other rights must yield to the predominant right. The predominant right is a right to receive education. Other rights, such as freedom of expression and the right to gather, must yield to the right to education. They are not on an equal footing.

49. The Applicant has indicated a *prima facie* right being the right of safety and security of staff, students and the prevention of physical damage to the institution. In addition, the rights of students to continue with and complete the academic program is also at stake.
50. The Applicant has shown a well-grounded apprehension of irreparable harm if an interim interdict is not granted.
51. The balance of convenience favours the Applicant in that the prejudice that the DUT and its students will suffer if the interim interdict is not granted outweighs the prejudice that the Respondents will suffer if the interdict is granted.
52. There is no other suitable legal remedy available to DUT.
53. I submit the applicant is urgent. DUT will not receive adequate redress in the ordinary course. The spike in the intensity of the violence since 15 February 2022 in my respectful submission justifies this application being heard urgently. With every day that passes, there is a likelihood of injury, death and the delay of the academic programme.

54. A student was killed during 2019 protest action and an action has been instituted in that regard under case D10061 / 21. It is alleged that security discharged a firearm leading to death of a student. This shows just how quickly things can get out of hand and the situation can escalate.
55. The South African Police Services has been cited as the 21<sup>st</sup> Respondent as historically, when DUT has called upon them for assistance, they have insisted on a court order before doing so.
56. In the circumstances, I respectfully submit that the Applicant is entitled to an order in terms of the Notice of Motion prefixed hereto.



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DR CLEMENT MOREKU

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Deponent has acknowledged to me that he has read and knows and understands the contents of this Affidavit, and that in compliance with the Regulations contained in Government Notice No. R1258 published on the 21st July 1972 as amended by Notice No. R1648 of the 19th August 1977, and in terms of R1428/80 and R774/82 it was signed and sworn to by him before me at DURBAN this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.



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**TO** : MR JOHN PILLAY – PROTECTION SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
**DATE** : 27 January 2022  
**SUBJECT** : Violent Protest Actions Displayed by EFFSC Members

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**NATURE OF INCIDENT** : Violent Protest Actions Displayed by EFFSC Members  
**DATE OF INCIDENT OCCURRED** : 27 January 2022  
**TIME OF INCIDENT OCCURRED** : 10:10  
**LOCATION OF INCIDENT OCCURRED** : Steve Biko Campus – Sports Centre  
**CAMPUS OB NUMBER** : 1140/01/2022  
**SAPS CASE DOCKET NUMBER** : Berea SAPS – Awaiting Case Number  
**COMPLAINANT DETAILS** : Mr. A.L Sikhosana – Izikhova Site Manager  
**WITNESS DETAILS** : -  
**SUSPECTS DETAILS** : SRC President – Mr Lwando Masethi – Student NO: 21750769  
 : SRC Treasurer Mr Mduduzi Chamane – Student NO: 21708528  
**STATEMENT DETAILS** : -  
**EVIDENCE COLLECTED** : Images of Incident Occurred / Images of Suspects  
**SUPERVISOR ON DUTY** : Mr. A.L Sikhosana – Izikhova Site Manager

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IZIKHOVA SECURITY SERVICES

### **FINDINGS:**

On Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 at approximately 10:15, Izikhova Security Officer designated at Steve Biko Campus – Gate Number 5 (Construction Vehicle Entrance), alerted the Steve Biko Campus Security Control Room that +- 25 EFFSC Members had forced entry into Steve Biko Campus through Gate Number 5, bypassing Security Officers and proceeded in the direction of Sports Centre.

The +-20 EFFSC Members that unlawfully entered into the University Premises was attired in EFFSC branded clothing. They began chanting historical revolution songs whilst proceeding to Sports Centre.

The Steve Biko Campus – Sports Centre is currently the host venue for the Year 2022 Registration, with different faculty offices set up within the venue.

### **TIMELINE OF INCIDENT:**

As per Izikhova Security Officer posted within Steve Biko Campus – Sports Centre Mr J. Mkhize ID Number: 7310165461084 at approximately 10:10, the SRC President – Mr Lwando Masethi – Student Number: 21750769 and SRC Treasurer Mr Mduduzi Chamane – Student Number: 21708528 had entered into the Sports Centre Venue requesting to communicate with Dr N. Nombele from the Student Admissions Department.

Dr N. Nombele communicated with both SRC Members informing them that they point towards the Registration Process and unregistered students for the year 2022 was not within references and she could not assist them currently.

At this point the SRC President – Mr Lwando Masethi – Student Number: 21750769 and SRC Treasurer Mr Mduduzi Chamane – Student Number: 21708528 informed Dr N. Nombele that a group of EFFSC Members will be making their way into the Sports Centre Venue to damage all properties of the University due to lack of support to walk-in-applicants, further threatening her for not assisting them.

The SRC President – Mr Lwando Masethi – Student Number: 21750769 and SRC Treasurer Mr Mduduzi Chamane – Student Number: 21708528 exited the Steve Biko Campus – Sports Centre Venue shortly.

As per Mr J Mkhize - Izikhova Security Officer further stated that once the SRC Members exited the venue within minutes, a group of +-25 EFFSC Members attired in EFFSC branded clothing had forcefully entered into the Registration Venue.

The group of +-20 EFFSC Members began vandalizing all Registration Equipment, disconnecting all connection cables, and physically removing staff members from their workstations.

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**FINDINGS:**

As per Izikhova Security Officer onsite – Mr J Mkhize – the destruction of the venue occurred within minutes, shortly after the group of +20 EFFSC Members exited in fast-paced using Exit Point Gate Number 5.

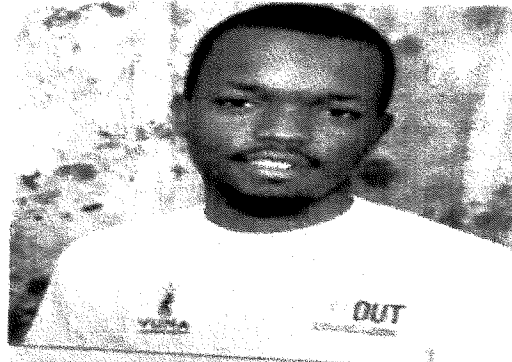
**IDENTIFIED MEMBERS:**

1. SRC President – Mr Lwando Masethi – Student Number: 21750769
2. SRC Treasurer Mr Mduduzi Chamane – Student Number: 21708528

**IMAGES OF IDENTIFIED MEMBERS:**



Mr Lwando Masethi  
 21750769  
 PRESIDENT  
 Cell number: 0730680331



Mr Mduduzi Chamane  
 21708528  
 Treasurer  
 Cell number: 0634791005

**ACTION TAKEN:**

An incident report docket was opened on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

Security Officers are currently obtaining written statements from all staff members, a detailed report to follow.

The Berea SAPS was contacted and are expected to arrive shortly.

The Registration Venue is currently closed until further notice.

There are currently no injuries reported onsite.

The Surveillance Footage is currently pending.

The Protection Services Department was informed and updated on the incident.

**CONCLUSION:**

To date, no further details were reported.

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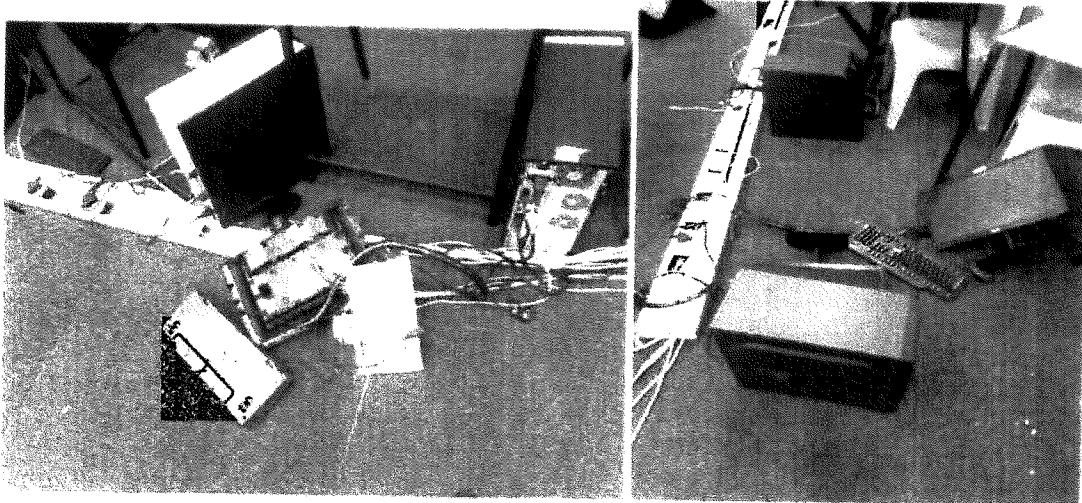
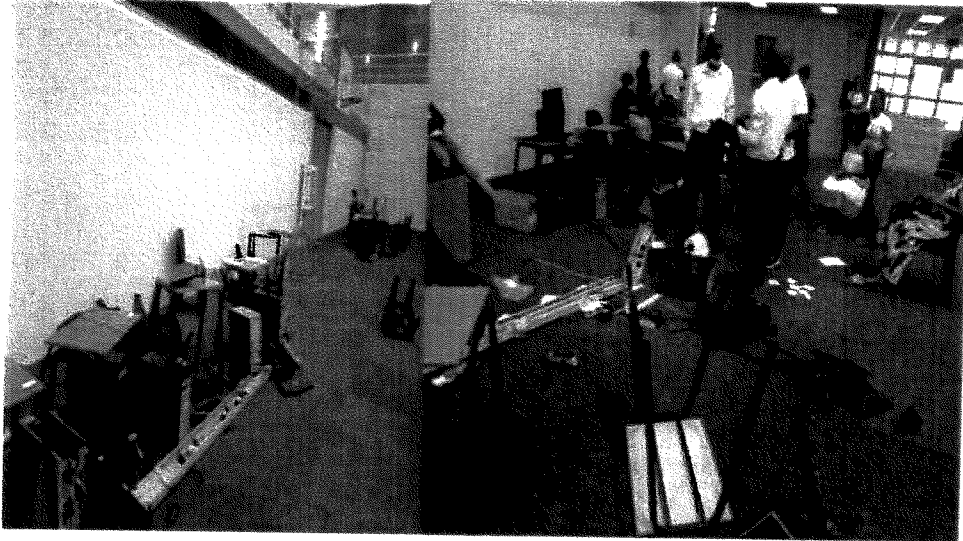
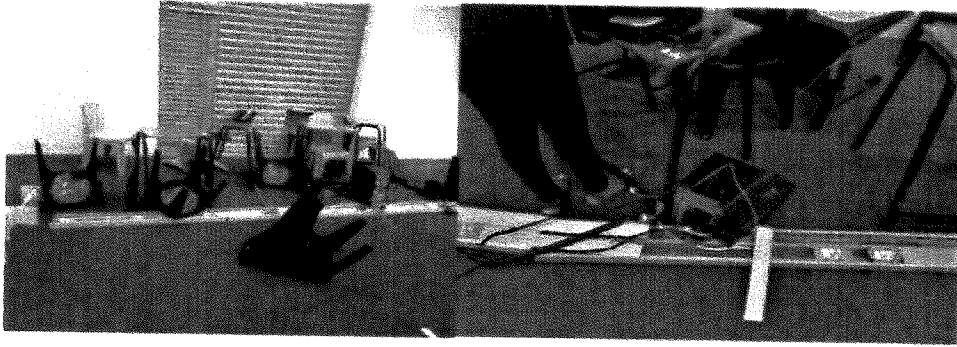
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**ANNEXURE 1 – DAMAGES WITHIN SPORTS CENTRE VENUE**



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**B****Incident Report****Nature of Incident: Violent Student Protest****Date: Thursday 27 January 2022****Time: 07h20 – 10h45****Place of Incident: Steve Biko Campus and the M L Sultan Campus.**

At about 07h20 approximately 100 EFFSC Members gathered at the Steve Biko Campus, Gate 3 , and were singing Historical Revolution songs. The situation was monitored by the Security.

At about 09h50 about 25 of these EFFSC Members gained entry onto the Steve Biko campus via gate 5. The intention of this group was to get to the Sports Centre.

The SRC President, Lwando Masehi and the Treasurer, Mduduzi Chamane informed DR. N P Nombela, that the group was making their way to the Sports Centre to damage property of the University due to the lack of support to the "Walk-ins"

This group vandalized the registration equipment, disconnected the cables and physically removed staff from their work stations.

Video footage shows students entering the Steve Biko Campus via gate 5. None of these students could be positively identified from this footage.

Video footage also shows students entering the Sports Centre, here too, none of the perpetrators could be identified.

A report and statements were also received from Izikhova Security, which is attached with photos.

Statement of staff concerned are also attached.



Report compiled by John Pillay

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**From:** Ntombenhle Patricia Nombela <ntombenhle@dut.ac.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2022 11:28  
**To:** Bonginkosi Emmanuel Lushaba <BonginkosiL@dut.ac.za>  
**Subject:** 27 January 2022 Incident

Dear Mr Lushaba

This email is to state that on the 27th January 2022, Student Admissions staff were working at the Sport Centre. At around 9:25, the SRC president and other 6 people wearing red t-shirt with SCR emblems and EFF T-shirts came to the hall and asked about registration. They also asked if there are programmes that still have spaces and indicated that there are a number of walk-ins by the gate who need assistance. I advised them we do not take walk-ins; all late applications are done through CAO. They insisted that I must assist those students that are by the gate, whose offers were withdrawn. I explained all the processes, but they were not happy with all I explained to them. I explained to them, there is no on campus registration as discussed in the meeting the previous day, but if there are not happy, they can call another Teams meeting in order to discuss their concerns in the presence of other stakeholders and informed that I cannot take a decision to allow people on campus as it contradict with the management decision and with COVID-19 regulations set out by DUT management. Moreover, they were not wearing mask, nor maintaining social distance. I asked them to put their mask, they refused saying that they are vaccinated. I took my phone because I wanted to take a picture of them not wearing mask and not maintaining social distance, the other fellow who was with the president says, okay, you are calling, we are also calling our people to come here to sort you. Immediately, when I was taking photos, they moved towards housing workstation. They said because I do not want to cooperate, they are coming back to destroy, the president, moved to the housing workstation, and made a call. Two EFF members were left with me, than I went through all the processes with them, I showed the some of the queries that was sent to me by the SRC members, showing them that offers for these applicants were withdrawn because they are no longer meeting the minimum entry requirements after the final grade 12 results, telling them that they were accepted based on grade 11 and June results, while talking them I was showing them the applicants information on CAO screen. They were seeming to be calm and understanding, while we were talking, they one received a call, and they just disappeared. In a minute, group of people wearing red shirts just flood the Sport Centre, they were swearing, and they destroy all desktop computers, laptops and staff belongings such as mobile phones,

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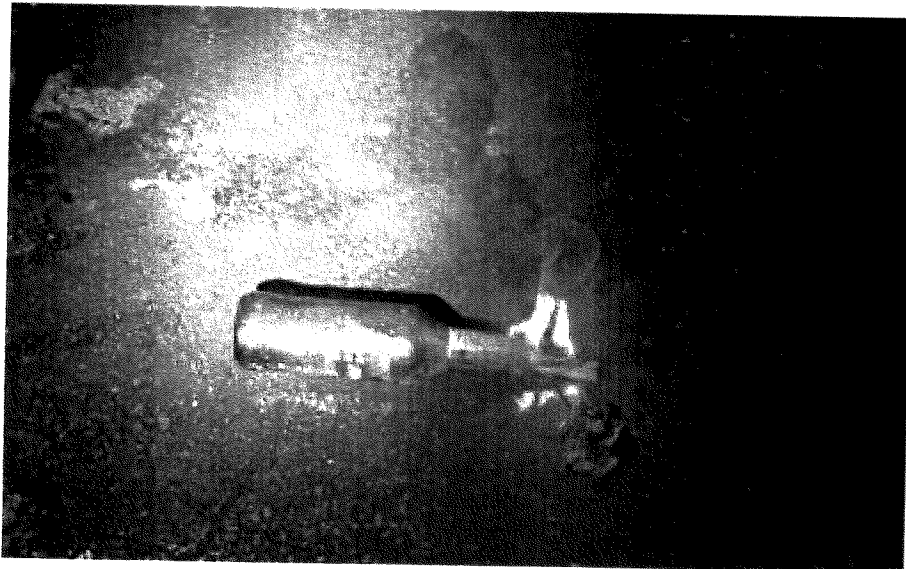
# Durban University of Technology's City Campus petrol-bombed

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The DU's City Campus was petrol-bombed

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The Durban University of Technology's City Campus was petrol-bombed in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

A group of approximately 15 unknown people hurled petrol bombs on the City Campus, which is situated in Anton Lembede Street, said the university's senior director of corporate affairs, Alan Khan.

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## INCIDENT REPORT

Nature of Incident: Damage to Property. DUT Vehicle set alight

Date: 8 February 2022

Time: 21h45

Place: Steve Biko Campus. Opp Maintenance Building

Suspects: 2 unknown males

Loss/ Damages: Fire damage to exterior (front) of motor vehicle

On Tuesday 8 February 2021 two unknown males gained entry onto the Steve Biko Campus through a gap in the perimeter fence.

These unknown males sprinkled a flammable chemical on the bonnet of the Maintenance van and set it alight.

The security on duty in the vicinity first notice two unknown males going out through the perimeter fence near the maintenance dept. at the same time he noticed that the vehicle was on fire.

The security officer called for back up and whilst he gave chase after the two perpetrators, the other security officers were able to put out the fire.

The perpetrators were not apprehended, as they ran across the highway off-ramp and evaded the security. They could not be identified, and they wore face mask.

The Durban Metro Fire Dept. and the SAPS attended, they did confirm that the fire was started by a flammable liquid, which was sprinkled on the bonnet.

They were unable to gather any other evidence.

Details of the damaged vehicle: Nissan 300. Hardbody. Registration: ND 111-700.

Report completed by John Pillay

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**TO** : MR JOHN PILLAY – PROTECTION SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
**DATE** : 09 February 2022  
**SUBJECT** : DUT Vehicle Set Alight – Maintenance Department

**NATURE OF INCIDENT** : DUT Vehicle Set Alight – Maintenance Department

**DATE OF INCIDENT OCCURRED** : 08 February 2022

**TIME OF INCIDENT OCCURRED** : 21:45

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT OCCURRED** : Steve Biko Campus – Maintenance Department

**CAMPUS OB NUMBER** : Steve Biko Campus – 167/02/2022

**SAPS CASE DOCKET NUMBER** : Berea SAPS – Awaiting Case Number

**COMPLAINANT DETAILS** : Mr. A.L Sikhosana – Izikhova Site Manager

**WITNESS DETAILS** : -

**SUSPECTS DETAILS** : x2 African Male Suspects

**STATEMENT DETAILS** : Mr. Sizwe C Mntambo – Izikhova Security Officer

**EVIDENCE COLLECTED** : Images of the Crime Scene

**SUPERVISOR ON DUTY** : Mr. M Gebashe – Steve Biko Campus Site Supervisor

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### **FINDINGS:**

On Tuesday, 08<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at approximately 21:45, Izikhova Security Officer – Mr. Sizwe C Mntambo ID Number: 8911105766083 who is designated at Steve Biko Campus – Maintenance Department reported via radio communications that a DUT Vehicle had been set alight upon his arrival within the vicinity of the location to which the vehicle was parked – Maintenance Parking Area.

As per Izikhova Security Officer, Mr. Sizwe C Mntambo he stated upon conducting foot patrols within the area location of the Maintenance Department, he discovered two unknown persons that were escaping through the perimeter fence (opened space) and onto Chris Ntuli Road.

Mr. Sizwe C Mntambo further mentions within the same period of time he discovered that a vehicle stationed within the Maintenance Department parking bay was on fire.

Mr. Sizwe C Mntambo – Izikhova Security Officer immediately communicated his findings and requested immediate backup.

As per the statement obtained from Mr. Sizwe C Mntambo, he gave chase towards the direction of the intruders in an attempt to apprehend them however, failed to do so when the intruders proceeded onto the freeway - Chris Ntuli Road.

Upon the arrival of additional supporting Izikhova Security Officers, the fire was immediately extinguished on the scene by Security Officers.

The Steve Biko Campus Site Supervisor Mr. M Gebashe ID: Number: 7712185815084 stated he immediately made contact with the Berea SAPS Division as well as the Durban Central Fire Department who arrived shortly at the location where the vehicle was set alight.

Upon the arrival of the Durban Central Fire Department, the Fire Commander assessed the area and detected that spills of petrol or paraffin were found on the bonnet of the vehicle.

Further stating there were no traces of petrol or paraffin found around the body of the vehicle, it was only detected on the bonnet of the vehicle.

Due to the quick response of Izikhova Security Officers, the fire was extinguished before the flames had spread onto the body of the vehicle.

As per Police Officials onsite, they stated that there was no solid evidence that was left behind by the perpetrators in terms of a container or bottle which contained the elements of petrol or paraffin.

### **VEHICLE DETAILS:**

Nissan NP300 – Hardbody – White

Registration – ND 111-700

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**FINDINGS:**

As per verbal communication with the Izikhova Security Officer - Mr. Sizwe C Mntambo he described the perpetrators to be Young Adults, African Male, dressed in Civilian Attire, and their faces were covered in Cloth Masks.

The mentioned Izikhova Security Officer - Mr. Sizwe C Mntambo was unable to identify the suspects.

**UPON THE ARRIVAL AND ATTENDANCE OF IZIKHOVA SENIOR MANAGEMENT THE BELOW WAS DISCOVERED:**

It is alleged that the intruders had trespassed onto campus premises using an entry and exit point through an open area on the perimeter fence within close proximity of the Maintenance Department.

It is alleged that the intruders had used petrol or paraffin to start the fire on the bonnet of the vehicle however, due to the quick reactions of Security Personnel onsite the fire was immediately extinguished.

There was no evidence around the vehicle which was left behind by the perpetrators.

There is currently no surveillance coverage within the vicinity of the vehicle being set alight.

The vicinity of the crime scene was cordoned off by Berea SAPS for further investigations.

A case docket was opened by Berea SAPS – awaiting case number.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE TO THE INCIDENT:**

Berea SAPS

Durban Central Fire Department

Izikhova Security Services

**ACTION TAKEN:**

An incident report docket was opened on the 08<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

The Protection Services Department was informed and updated on the incident.

**CONCLUSION:**

To date, no further details were reported.

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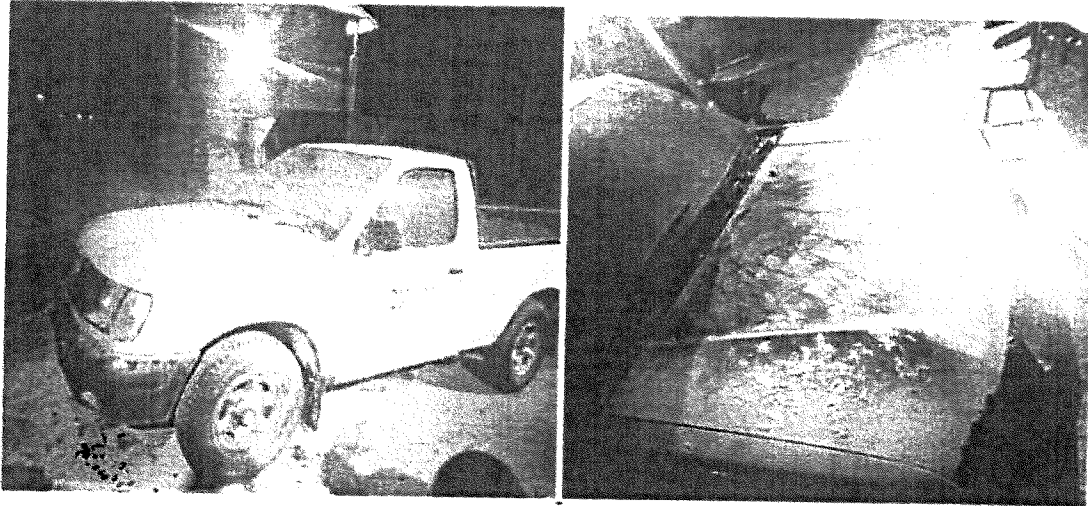
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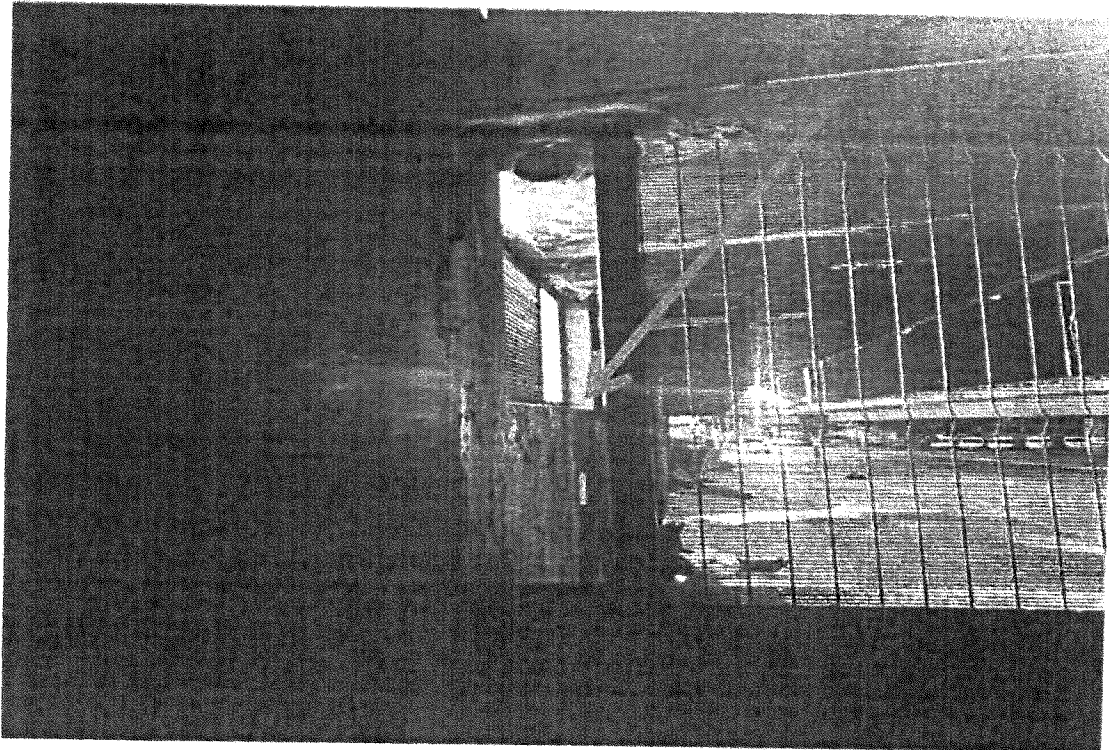
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**ANNEXURE 1 – DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE**



**ANNEXURE 1 – ENTRY AND EXIT POINT USED BY SUSPECTS**



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## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

11 February 2022

Dear staff and students

### ONLINE REGISTRATIONS AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF LECTURES FOR 2022

The University would like to confirm that the **online registration** period for all students will be **extended** by one week, now ending on **Friday, 18 February 2022**.

Therefore, please take note that **all lectures** will now **commence** on **Monday, 21 February 2022**.

There will be no revision to the 2022 Term Dates and Skeletal Academic Calendar. However, all six Faculties at DUT will devise a catch-up plan for the one-week loss in lecture time, following the extension to the online registration period.

Students may use the web link detailed below to access the 2022 registration information and for assistance with online, off-campus registration:

[https://www.dut.ac.za/student\\_portal/student\\_registration/](https://www.dut.ac.za/student_portal/student_registration/)

### BACK TO CAMPUS

As we prepare to commence with the academic programme on 21 February 2022, we remind you to please review the main points of the 2022 Back to Campus: Teaching and Learning Plan below:

### RETURNING STUDENTS

The university will continue to offer online lectures. Permits to access campus will be granted only to the following categories of returning students:

- Students who are enrolled for exit modules.
- Students who require access to the practical laboratories,
- Students whose conditions at home are not conducive for learning.



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- Students will be permitted to be on campus, provided they meet the criteria of the Policy Choices on Vaccination of Staff and Students, which was approved by the University Council on 04 December 2021. Please view the statement, related to the Policy, via this link:

<https://dut-cdn2.azureedge.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/DUT.Statement.Council.091221-1.pdf>

- The Student Housing Department should begin to receive qualifying students on the weekend preceding the commencement of lectures.

### FIRST TIME ENROLLED (FTEN) STUDENTS

All first year students will be permitted to attend mask-to-mask lectures on campus provided they meet the criteria of the Policy Choices on Vaccination of Staff and Students, which was approved by the University Council on 04 December 2021. The link to the policy announcement is listed above.

Please also note that from 14 February 2022 to 17 February 2022, there will be a Post Orientation Programme between 12:00 and 14:00 daily. We want to ensure that no student is left behind. Please use the same MS Teams link that was previously shared with you, to join our sessions next week. For more information, please email: [orientation@dut.ac.za](mailto:orientation@dut.ac.za).

It is important that you also take note of the following:

- The university will accommodate qualifying first-year students who are eligible to be at residences.
- Faculties will issue permits to all eligible students.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Cleaning of residences will be made before the arrival students.
- The use of face masks remains compulsory on all university property.
- The HealthCheck online form will be used as a screening tool for COVID-19.
- You can access the HealthCheck form in three ways:
  1. Dial HealthCheck on \*134\*832\*2# (This is a free call).
  2. Go to: <https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za>.
  3. Add 0600 110 000 - <https://wa.me/27600110000?text=hi> to your WhatsApp to contacts.

With regards to the health screening arrangements for returning students, the DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team would like to highlight:

- Awareness campaign of the risks of COVID-19 infection and the preventive & health promotion measures. Please access the DUT COVID-19 webpage which includes helpful resources on <https://www.dut.ac.za/coronavirus/>.
- All students **MUST** complete the HealthCheck screening **BEFORE** arrival to campus. This will allow Protection Services, Residences Advisors and other support personnel to ensure that only eligible students will be permitted to return to campus.
- A detailed list of students arriving at the campus gate and/or the residences, will be provided by the relevant Faculties.
- Accreditation/Permits must be presented at all times, to enable entry onto campus in order to ensure authorised access to DUT property.

Should any of the above be revised during the course of the semester, we will notify you timeously.

## CONCLUSION

We remind you that the DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team has resumed **#VaccinationThursdays** at the Isolempilo Clinic on the Steve Biko campus. Vaccination will be available from 08:30 to 14:30 every Thursday, with no booking required. Please bring your ID, student/staff card and your vaccination card (if applicable) - and please remember to complete HealthCheck online form, as explained above, before attempting to enter campus. For any COVID-19 related enquiries, please email [covid-enquiries@dut.ac.za](mailto:covid-enquiries@dut.ac.za) or call the COVID-19 Hotline: 0800 029 999. You can also connect with the COVID-19 WhatsApp Support Line: 0600 123 456.

Please stay safe and remember to always wear your mask that securely covers your nose and mouth when you are on campus or in other public spaces. It's essential that you consistently implement good hand hygiene and kindly ensure that you are fully vaccinated.

Finally, we remind all students and staff to only access official University Statements via the DUT PinBoard (staff email system), DUT4life (student email accounts) and the DUT website.

Wishing you a safe and successful semester

Sincerely

DUT Management team

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

13 February 2022

Dear staff and students

### **\*PHYSICAL REGISTRATION AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF LECTURES FOR 2022\***

The Durban University of Technology would like to confirm that the registration period of FTENs remains extended. On Friday, 11 February 2022, we issued out a statement on online registration, after an urgent meeting of executive management of the university held on Saturday, 12 February 2022, these are the resolutions

\*Registration for all first time entering students will be allowed to be conducted on campus, with registration stations opened

\*The university will be expecting and allowing walk-ins as from Monday. This is done to meet the enrolment target of the university and increase the speed of registration

\*Lectures for first time entry students remains physical on a mask to mask basis.

\*All returning students will be allowed to come back to their residences by \*Monday, 14 February 2022 \*

**Therefore, all lectures will commence on \*Monday, 21 February 2022\***

The skeletal academic calendar will not be revised. All faculties will devise a catch up plan for the one-week loss in lecture time, motivated by the extension of registration.

Wishing you a safe and successful semester.

Sincerely

DUT Management team

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# DUT slams fake news calling for on-campus registration

Prospective students are reminded to register online by Friday, February 18, as the university extends the registration period by one week.

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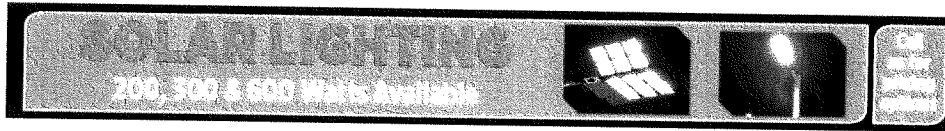
THE Durban University of Technology has debunked a message circulating on social media that called for walk-ins, parents and students to report to the university for registration.

In a statement, DUT communications manager, Noxolo Memela said, "DUT has noted with disbelief the malicious fake news circulated on social media platforms."



university urged parents, students, staff, and all DUT stakeholders to access university-related communicate through official DUT communication platforms.

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The university communicates with registered students via its DUT4Life accounts and statements are made available on the DUT website: <https://www.dut.ac.za>.

Both registration and classes remain online and messages suggesting otherwise have been debunked by the university.

“DUT did not issue a statement calling for walk-ins or first years to register on campus. Registration will continue to be online. When lectures commence on Monday, February 21, the University will continue to offer multimodal, online teaching and learning to returning students,” said Memela.

Students will only be permitted access on campus if they meet the criteria of the Policy Choices on Vaccination of Staff and Students.

This policy was approved by the university council on December 4, 2021, and came into effect in January.

“Permits to access campus will only be granted to first-year students and





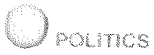
students who are enrolled for exit modules, to attend mask-to-mask lectures on campus. Other permits will be issued to students who require access to the practical laboratories and students whose conditions at home are not conducive to learning," said Memela.

**Also read: DUT's student council provides R3.5m to assist students**

While online registration was scheduled to end last Friday, February 11, the university extended the online registration period by one week, allowing prospective students until Friday, February 18 to register online.

Lectures intended to start on Monday, February 14 have been postponed until Monday, February 21 in line with the registration extension.

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# DUT accommodates walk-ins for one night as EFF and management squabble

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Students gather at the Durban University of Technology's Steve Biko campus on Monday.  
*Image: Lwazi Hlangu*

The Durban University of Technology's (DUT) Winterton residence will house scores of walk-ins that flooded the university on Monday.

Nkululeko Mzobe, the EFF Student Command (EFFSC) chairperson at DUT, told the walk-ins gathered at Steve Biko campus's S8 building that the EFFSC-led student representative council had reached an agreement with university management to accommodate them for the night after a long day of negotiations.

This was despite DUT, like other KZN universities, reiterating last week that they would not allow walk-ins even though they were extending registration and postponing commencement of lectures by a week.

Despite this, scores of students flooded the campus building to either register or make enquiries about their applications.

The walk-ins who spoke to TimesLIVE said they had come because of a Facebook post — allegedly from the university — they saw over the weekend saying walk-ins would be welcome on Monday.

The now-deleted post was shared by EFFSC member Nhlakanipho Maphalala to a group named "DUT SRC led by EFF".

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The university distanced itself from the "malicious statement", calling it fake news.

"DUT has noted with disbelief the malicious fake news communique circulated in social media platforms, calling for walk-ins, parents and students to report to the University for registration. DUT did not issue a statement calling for walk-ins or first years to register on campus," the university said.

DUT registrar Dr Maditsane Nkonoane said it was three EFFSC leaders who mobilised civilians to forcefully enter the university under a false promise of in-person registration and accommodation.

"This morning three EFFSC leaders mobilised 400 civilians to assemble outside DUT's gate 3 at Steve Biko campus. The three members allegedly promised the civilians face to face registration and allocation of student residence accommodation. These civilians were encouraged by the EFFSC leaders to force entry into university premises without authorisation," said Nkonoane.

The university said the group attacked protection services personnel at the campus and damaged a door at the S-block building.

"The group also invaded the S-block exam hall and damaged computers and intimidated staff. Furthermore, doors were also broken by the same group at Winterton student residence on Steve Biko campus," the university said.

Officers from the Berea police station were called to the scene.

"The SRC has condemned and distanced itself from this act of criminality," said Nkonoane.

Mzobe said the registrar's claims were false, because the same security personnel they are said to have attacked were with them throughout the day.

"The police did come in the morning ... We stayed there with students until around 5pm when we took the walk-ins to the residence. Security were present at gate 2 and even offered sanitiser to everyone coming in. They were present at the S-block building where the students were gathered for hours and they are present at the residence right now, opening the gate for those entering or leaving," said Mzobe.

He said the police would have chased them out if they had done anything wrong.

"Now tell me, why would police not come and evict us at S-block, where we stayed for hours, if we had done anything wrong? When has that ever happened?"

Mzobe said he was not surprised that the SRC is said to have distanced itself from events.

"The institution is silencing the SRC. So they suspend you and exclude you from meetings and decision making, so you can't do your job and the students end up with no representation. That's why SRC will not be making many statements to the media.

"But we can speak, there's nothing much they can do to us. They won't suspend us for speaking out."

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Protesting DUT students cause havoc in and around the campus in Durban blocking the roads and vandalizing property before they were dispersed by police. Picture: Doctor Ngcobo/African News Agency(ANA)

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# DUT shuts down three Durban campuses after violent protest


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Durban University of Technology (DUT) shut down three Durban campuses on Tuesday following violent protests.

According to the statement by the institution, earlier this morning, there has been high levels of violence and criminal acts by some members of the student organisation.

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"Physical access to the Steve Biko campus, M.L Sultan campus and the Ritson campus in Durban will be suspended with immediate effect. These three campuses will be evacuated and closed until further notice," said DUT in a statement.

DUT management said that the online activities would continue, and staff based on these three campuses will be working remotely.

"We will continue to monitor the situation, and we will not hesitate to evacuate

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"Students are also discouraged from forcefully occupying/invading residences without following due process, in consultation with Student Housing personnel, as that will lead to a summary evacuation of those contravening university policy and procedure without further notice."

DUT management said the institution has noted with great concern messages being circulated on some social media platforms inviting people to physically visit campus to apply/register and to forcefully occupy residences.

"We, once again, confirm that there are no walk-in registrations at DUT and that all registrations are only taking place online. Please be aware of "fake news" being circulated on some social media platforms related to DUT registrations, falsely inviting people to physically visit campus to apply/register and to forcefully occupy residences."

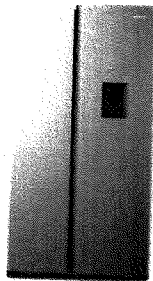


For more information, students are encouraged to visit [www.dut.ac.za](http://www.dut.ac.za)

Meanwhile, The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) has also suspended classes for the rest of the week following violent protests at some campuses on Monday, February 14, 2022.

In a statement, the UKZN's corporate relations executive director, Normah Zondo, said the decision was taken after incidents of violence and intimidation were reported at some of their campuses on Monday.

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"It has been reported that some student leaders have been intimidating members of staff by entering buildings and demanding that activities be halted."

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